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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. All of these references were either cited or submitted in parent Application No. 09/309,768 and thus copies of these references are not provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

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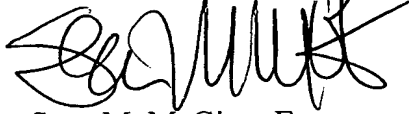
It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	5,812,710	09/22/98	Sugaya			
	6,094,296	07/25/00	Kosaka			
	5,764,821	06/09/98	Glance			
	6,342,965	01/29/02	Kinoshita			
	6,038,063	03/14/00	Tsuda et al.			
	6,097,535	08/01/00	Terahara			
	6,008,932	12/28/99	Luo et al.			
	5,710,660	01/20/98	Yamamoto et al.			
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	8-256112	10/01/96	JAPAN				✓
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	9-36834	02/07/97	JAPAN				✓
	6-311139	11/04/94	JAPAN				✓

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